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Arizona State Parks Board

September 18, 2025

John Sefton – Chair

Dale Larsen – Vice Chair

Jeffrey Buchanan, Robyn Sahid,

Sarah King, Terri Palmberg

AGENDA – A

Call to Order

AGENDA – B

Pledge of Allegiance

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Member Roll Call

John Sefton (Chair)

Dale Larsen (Vice-Chair)

Jeffrey Buchanan

Robyn Sahid

Sarah King

Terri Palmberg

AGENDA – C

Mission Statement

“As Board members we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of the Arizona State Parks and its mission statement to connect people to the outdoors and history of Arizona to build a lifetime of memories.”

AGENDA – D1

Approval of Minutes

The Board will review and may consider action to approve the meeting minutes from June 19, 2025.

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Motion:

I move to approve the the meeting minutes from June 19, 2025 as presented.

AGENDA – D2

FY26 Budget Highlights and Financial Overview (Presenter: Kevin Brock, CFO)

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FY 2026 Budget Highlights

SPRF Increases

- Family Campout - \$448,000 (includes 2 FTEs at \$200k and Equipment at \$230k)
- Wastewater - \$541,000
- Broadband - \$242,100

SLIF Grants Deposit from GF \$1,500,000

Heritage Grant Deposit from GF - \$1,000,000

Major Maintenance - \$3,633,300

Verde River \$500,000 from GF

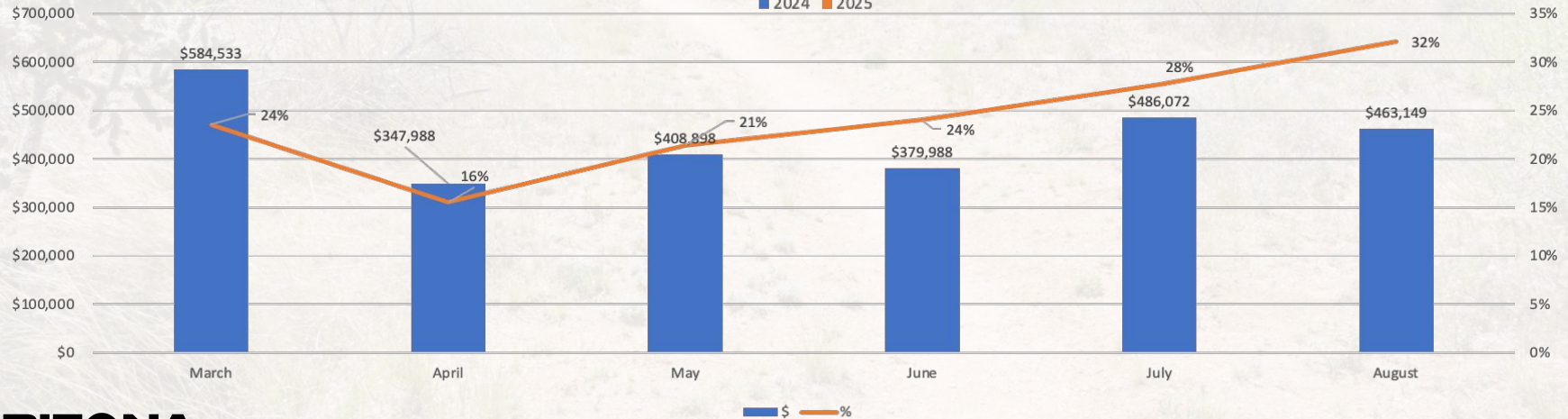
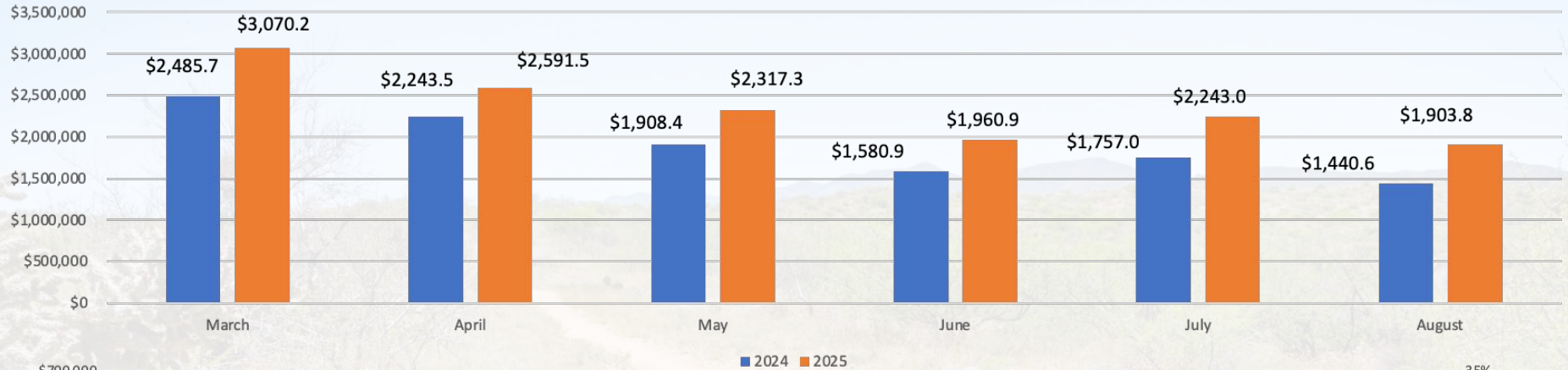
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FY 2027 Funding Request

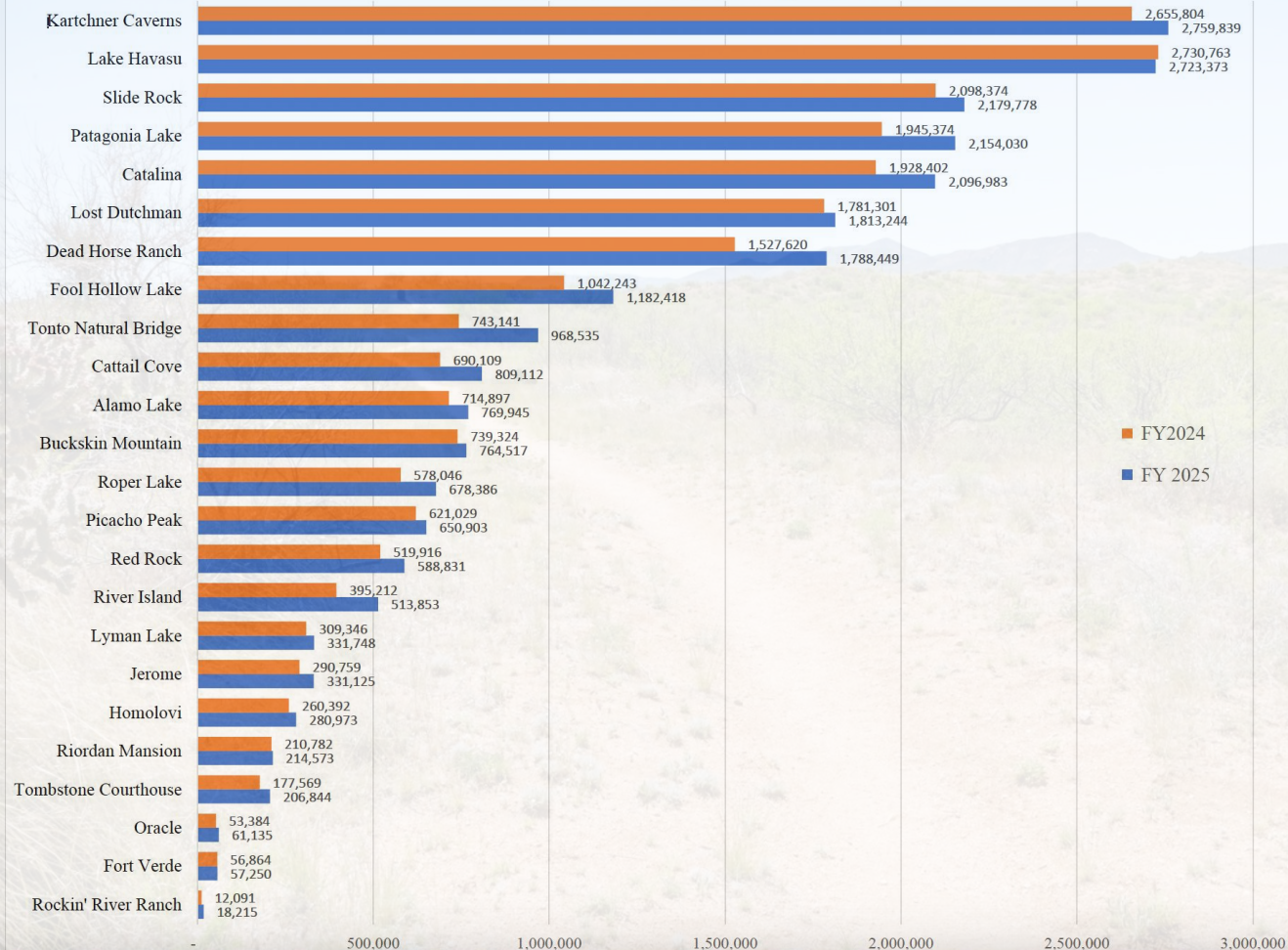
FY27 Operations Staffing Increase Request - \$3,171,000 for 37 FTEs

- Law Enforcement/People Safety (employees/customers) – 11
- Water Compliance – 5
- Interpretive/Education Programs – 7
- Park Maintenance – 12
- IT Support – 1
- Marketing - 1

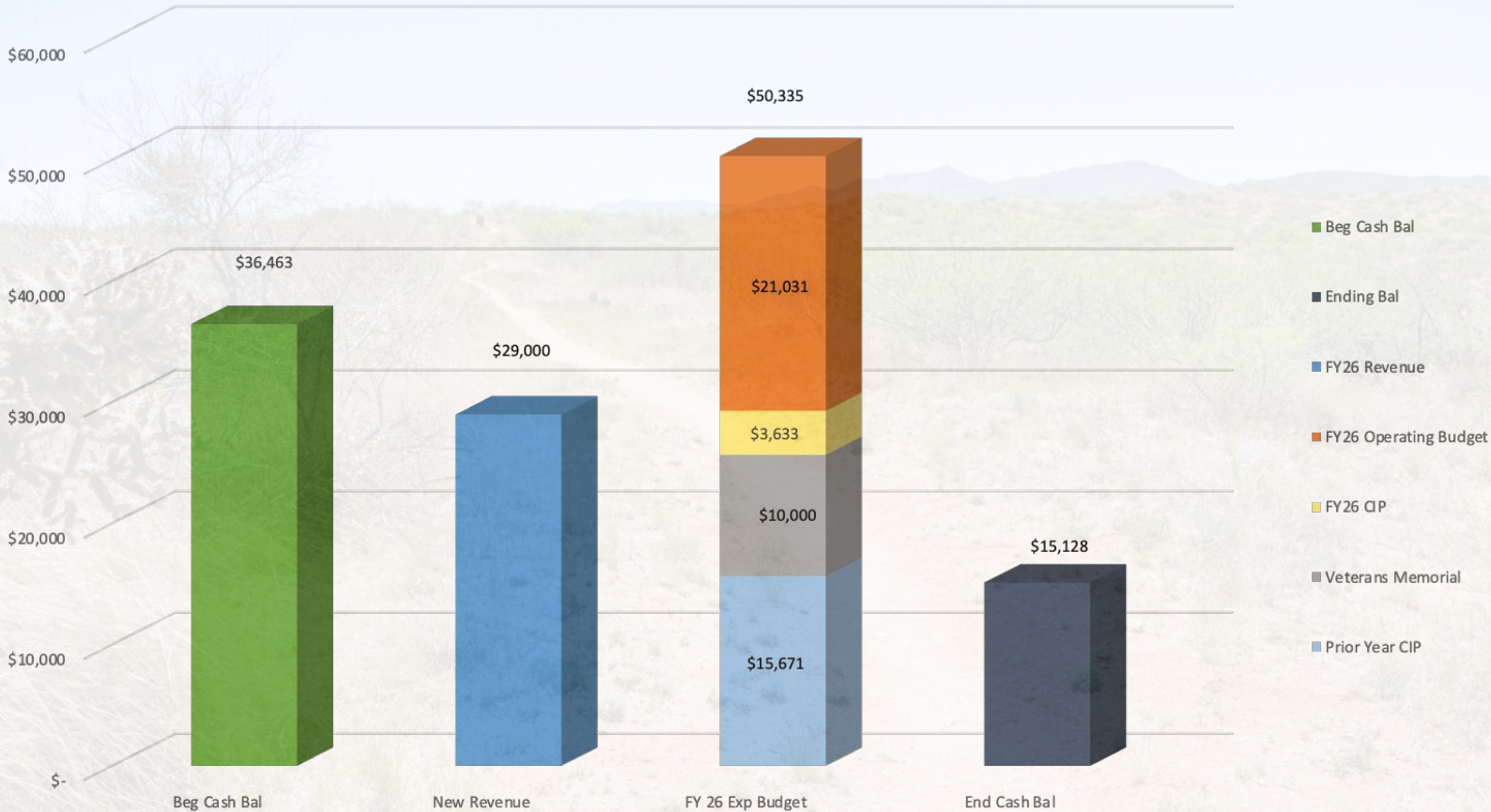
Year Over Year SPRF Revenue (\$'000's)



FY25 June YTD Revenue by Park



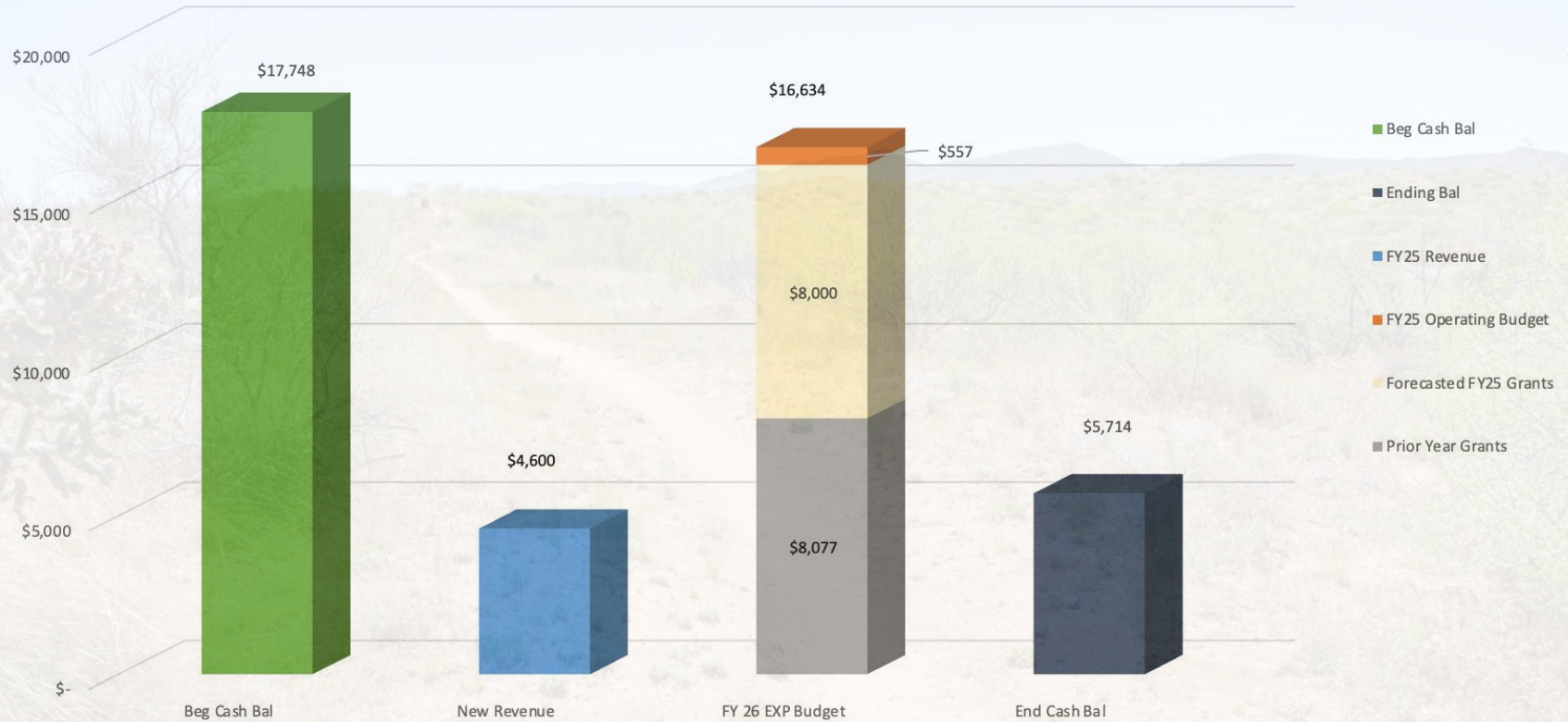
SPRF FY 26 Balance and Budget (\$000's)



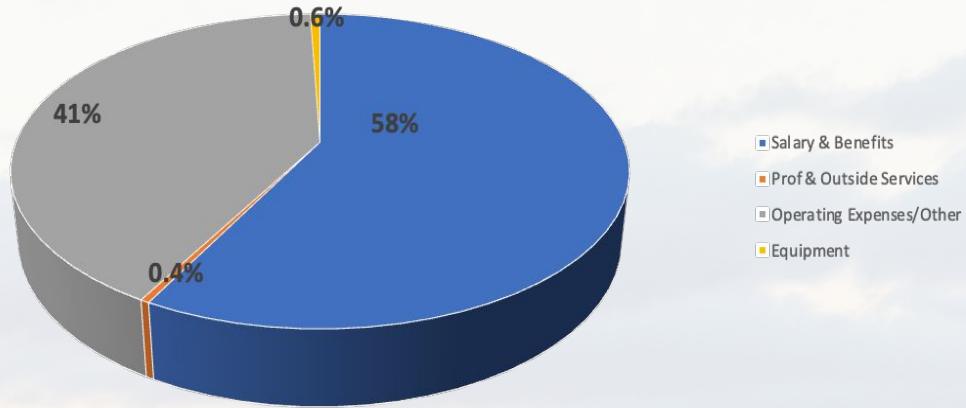
SLIF FY 26 Balance and Budget (\$'000's)



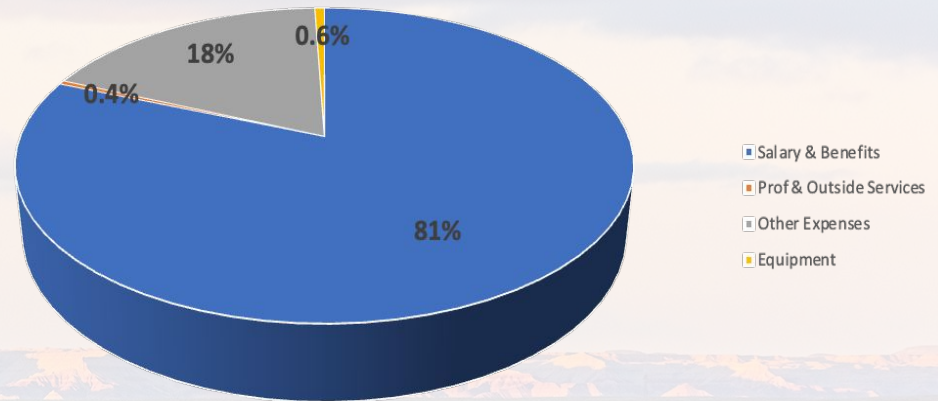
OHV FY 26 Balance and Budget (\$000's)



SPRF Expenditures by Category



SLIF Expenditures by Category



AGENDA – D3

Chief of Grants and Trails: 100-Day Retrospective and Future Vision (Presenter: Nina Lindsey, Chief of Grants & Trails)

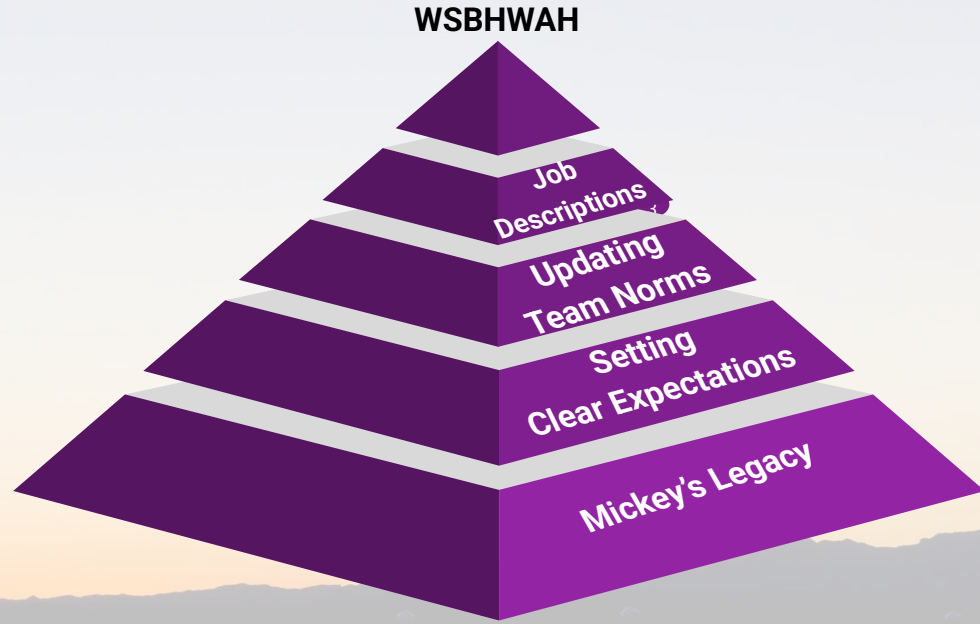


Chief of Grants and Trails First 100 Days



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Staffing



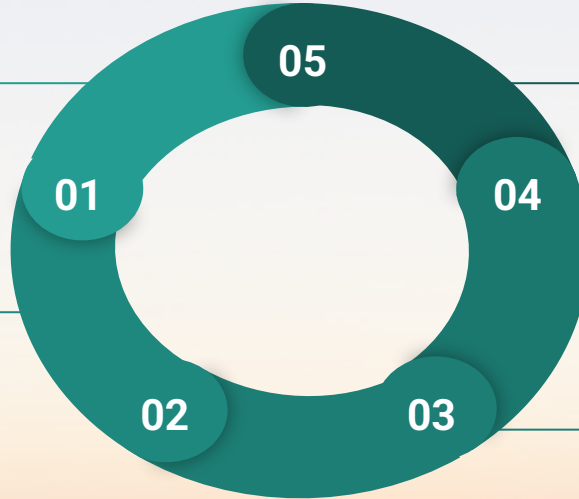
Increased Collaboration

Fiscal

Establishing monthly meetings, creating checks and balances, exploring new ways to report on funding streams.

Marketing

Creation of branded “Grants Package” for outreach and pre-site visits, updating website pages, new quarterly grants newsletter to past, present and future sponsors



SHPO

SHPO 101 Training, transfer of SHPO grants to SHPO office

Attorney General

Review of contract documents, project agreements and counsel on interpretation of regulations.

Webgrants

Regular bi-weekly training for full team to maximize software impact including reporting features, accurate appropriations and more.

Continuous Improvement

- Asana
- Webgrants - reporting, cleaning up data
- Metric Updating - what does success look like?
- Balance between travel, outreach and engagement
- Grants Manual
 - Updating scoring criteria
 - Updating content and design/layout



What's Next?

Grant	Grant Funds	Match	Final Targets	Q1 Target	Q2 Target	Q3 Target	Q4 Target
SLIF	\$1,500,000.00		\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00
Heritage	\$1,000,000.00		\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00
LWCF	\$9,080,000.00	\$9,080,000.00	\$18,160,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,053,333.33	\$6,053,333.33	\$6,053,333.33
RTP	\$1,820,000.00	\$103,740.00	\$1,923,740.00	\$723,042.33	\$400,232.56	\$400,232.56	\$400,232.56
OHV	\$8,000,000.00		\$8,000,000.00	\$1,388,444.00	\$2,203,852.00	\$2,203,852.00	\$2,203,852.00
Totals	\$21,400,000.00	\$9,183,740.00	\$30,583,740.00	\$2,111,486.33	\$8,657,417.89	\$11,157,417.89	\$8,657,417.89

- Grants Manual Approvals
- Releasing Funding Opportunities for Heritage and SLIF
- Cross Training Staff
- Re-engagement of OHV Ambassadors
- Finalizing updates of Job Descriptions and Classifications
- Standardizing processes

Questions/Feedback



AGENDA – D4

Consideration of Action to Approve the Armijo Ditch Agreement (Presenter: Heidi Erikson, Park Manager, Red Rock State Park, and Hank Vincent, Northern Regional Manager)

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Red Rock State Park - Armijo Ditch History

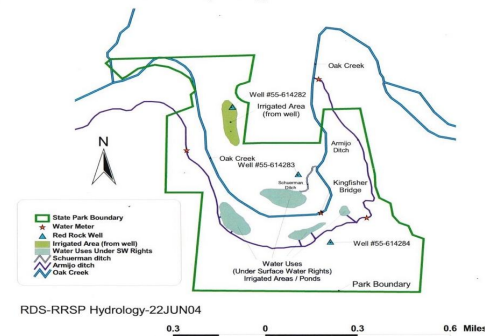
- 1896 Armijo homestead – 1906 ditch rights
- 1951 Agreement between Fryes and Leenhouts
- 1974 Eckankar water rights registration
- 1980 – 1986 Acquisition process for State Park
 - Complicated land exchange
 - Eckankar – ASLD – Anamax Mining – BLM - ASPT
- 1991 Park opened after development
- 2003 Leenhout heirs sold property to CCR developer
- 2005 Revised agreement ASPT & CCR



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Red Rock State Park Resource Inventory and Assessment

Figure 5. Red Rock State Park-Hydrology



Historic & Current Ditch Agreements

- 1951 Fries & Leenhouts
 - Leenhouts wanted to use the ditch to deliver water to their property rather than pumping directly from creek and they agreed to maintain the ditch for that purpose.
 - State Parks acquired Red Rock State Park, inheriting water rights and the provisions of 1951 agreement.
- 2005 Arizona State Parks & Cross Creek Ranch (CCR)
 - CCR bought Leenhouts property. New parties inherit the 1951 agreement.
 - Revised agreement to reflect new parties and pedestrian access with valid annual pass.
 - CCR solely responsible for maintenance and costs in exchange for trail/gate access.
 - No issues with agreement until 2021 - CCR seeks financial assistance to maintain ditch
 - Increased frequency of flooding/maintenance (= higher annual cost)

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2025 Proposed Amendment to Ditch Agreement

- 2025 Revisions to 2005 Agreement
 - ASPT to provide financial assistance for repairs
 - Share ½ cost, not to exceed \$12.5 k per year
 - CCR to provide receipts for work completed. Reimbursement through Arizona Procurement Portal.
 - Red Rock State Park takes control of lock on pedestrian access gate on property boundary. Valid annual State Parks pass required for CCR residents to get the gate code.

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Benefits to Red Rock State Park

- Maintain water rights for future use.
- Maintain secondary riparian zone (trees will die without active ditch).
- Maintain positive relationship with neighbors.



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Park staff supports the amended agreement.
Any questions?

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Motion:

I move to approve the Armijo Ditch Agreement as presented.

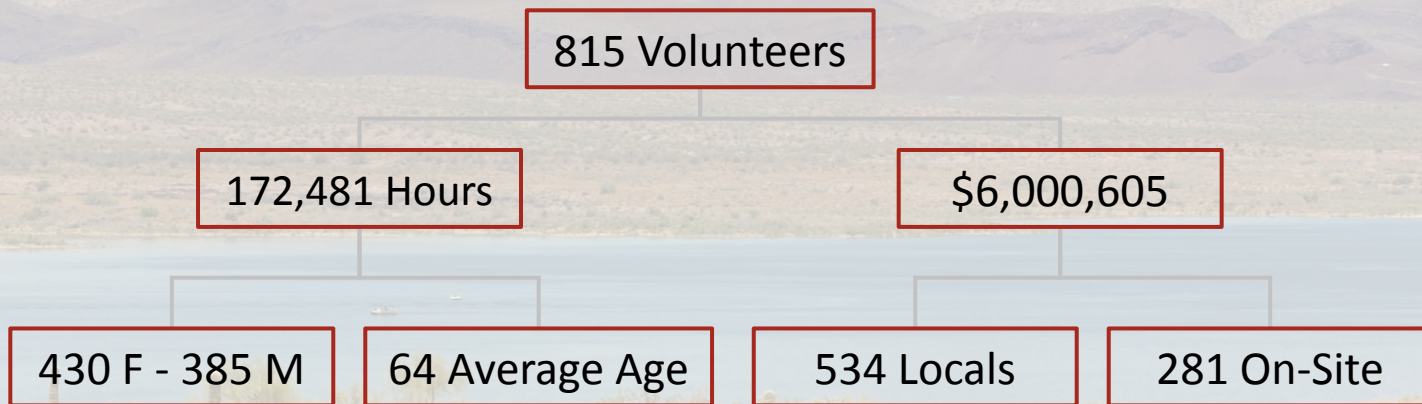
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Arizona State Parks and Trails Volunteer Program

(Presenter: Cathryn Richards, Volunteer Program Manager)

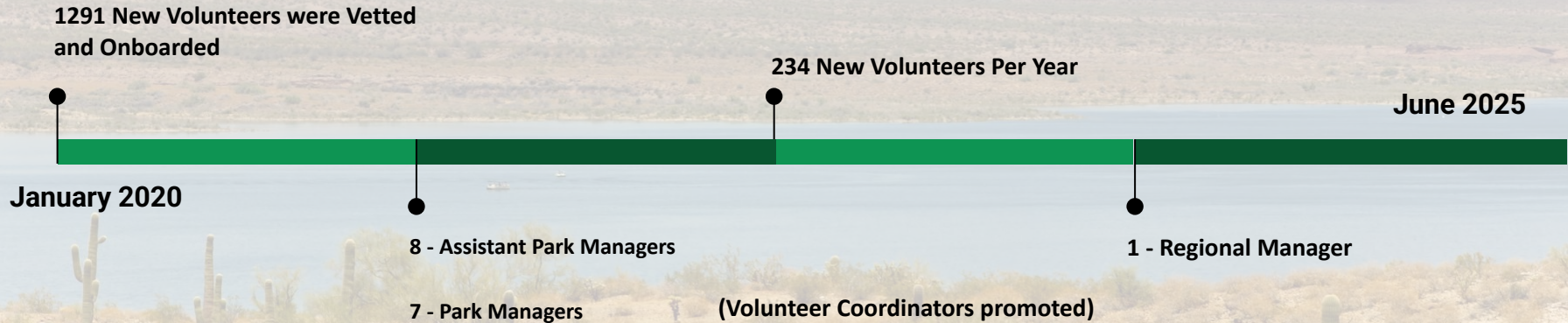
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AZ State Parks and Trails Volunteer Program - FY25



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AZ State Parks and Trails Volunteer Program - FY25



AZ State Parks and Trails Volunteer Program - VIDEO



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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members may identify items or issues they wish to be considered for inclusion on a future agenda.

AGENDA – F

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

The Executive Director may present a summary of current events and/or recent experiences of interest to the outdoor recreation community and/or the status of any projects with which they are currently involved. The Board will not discuss or take any action on any current event summary.

National Association of State Park Directors Conference



APRA Conference



AGENDA – F

- Hiring additional team members for the **Family Campout** program-[Program Manager](#) and [Senior ranger](#)
- \$100,000 Grant awarded to the **Family Campout** program from the Governor's Office of Youth Faith and Family-will be purchasing kayaks, fishing poles, tents and paddleboards.



AGENDA – F

Ranger 101 was held at Lyman Lake State Park in August

This was the third class. Next class will be in Patagonia Feb 2026.



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September highlighted events

September 15-[Apple Picking begins at Slide Rock State Park](#)



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September 20-[Taste of the Bridge](#)-Tonto
Natural Bridge State Park

September 21-[Everybody Runs Catalina State
Park](#)



September 27-Rockin River Ranch Rye IPA Tasting Event



Rockin' River Ranch TASTING EVENT

JOIN US AT ROCKIN' RIVER RANCH STATE PARK FOR A ONE-OF-A-KIND TASTING EXPERIENCE IN THE HEART OF NATURE! WE'RE CELEBRATING THE RELEASE OF OUR BRAND-NEW ROCKIN' RIVER RANCH RYE IPA, CREATED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS. ENJOY A RELAXING DAY AT THE PARK WITH CRAFT BREWS, GREAT COMPANY, AND THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE VERDE RIVER. WE'LL HAVE LIVE MUSIC AND FOOD FROM SATCHMOS ALONG WITH NATURE PROGRAMS, RAFFLE PRIZES, AND A GUIDED INTERPRETIVE EVENT TO CELEBRATE PUBLIC LANDS DAY!



GARRY SEGAL - LIVE
12:00PM - 1:30PM

COLE CLARK AND THE HIGH HORSE
HONKY-TONK BAND - LIVE!
1:30PM - 3:30PM



SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM



ROCKIN' RIVER RANCH STATE PARK
4513 SOUTH SALT MINE RD.
CAMP VERDE, AZ 86322



Scan Here for More Details & to Purchase Tickets



TICKETS INCLUDE:

TWO (2) DRINK TICKETS, FOOD, PARK ENTRY, & ONE (1) RAFFLE TICKET
CHILDREN 6 & UNDER ARE FREE. NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR GUESTS UNDER 21.

EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS SEPTEMBER 1ST. PRICES INCREASE STARTING
SEPTEMBER 2ND. BE SURE TO GRAB YOUR TICKETS EARLY AND SAVE!



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CURRENT EVENTS

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CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Board.

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FUTURE MEETING DATES

Arizona State Parks and Trails 2025 Tentative Meeting Schedule	
Date	Location
October 16, 2025	Central Office
November 20, 2025	Central Office
December 18, 2025	Central Office



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